

# CLARK COUNTY EMA

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## *Preparing for the What If?*



The First Responders and Policy makers of Clark and Montgomery Counties came together at Clark State Community College to return calm to our county, after a simulated Improvised Explosive Device (IED) discharged in a conference room of Clark State Community College on November 10, 2009. This was part of Clark County Emergency Management Agency's preparedness efforts by hosting a Tabletop exercise (TTX) in conjunction with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Lisa D'Allessandris brought together the Clark County and Springfield government policy makers, law enforcement and fire/EMS responders, and supportive government departments (from Clark and Montgomery Counties) at Clark State Community College. The event occurred in a government building with-in the county and city limits which impacted the daily operations of government. The exercise was developed to evaluate and test three critical processes: Incident Command System (ICS), Continuity of Operation and

Government (COOP/COG), and Public Information System (PIS)

efforts, in a non-stressful environment. The TTX was funded with a grant through the Ohio EMA which also provided contractor support from L-3 Solutions, an exercise development group. The local planning and design team for the exercise focused on real world situations facing the Clark County communities ~ *Property Foreclosures* and the effects of the Sheriff's Office, the agency responsible for serving the notices. The three critical processes evaluated

### **Clark County**

Board of Commissioners

Sheriff's Office

Prosecutor's Office

Engineer's Office

Emergency Management

### **City of Springfield Divisions**

City Commission & Management

Police

Fire-Rescue

Communications Center

### **Montgomery County**

Emergency Management

Dayton Police Bomb Squad

Public Information Office

### **State of Ohio**

Emergency Management

Highway Patrol

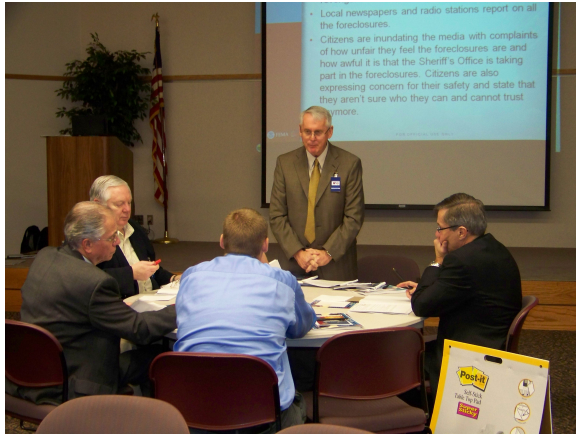
### **Federal Agencies**

FBI

Marshal's Office

52<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team

were measured against existing Emergency Operation Plans (EOP).



The exercise was evaluated on-scene operations of first responders as they deployed, tasked, and achieved inoperable communications. They also coordinated a Unified Command by networking with city and county safety forces. The continued operation of the government and public systems (such as 911 systems) were also discussed and assessed. Current methods, such as memorandum of understanding (MOU) were examined showing just how to gain support from outside supporting agencies. Communications in verbal and written form were assessed following fourteen features of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The planning committee, participants, and evaluators all expressed that this exercise was a positive training, great networking, and addressed areas to be reevaluated. Pam Gibson and

### **WINTER PREPARDNESS**

The winter season will be upon us later this month; the citizens of Clark County should be preparing for "Ole Man Winter". The Clark County EMA would like to extend some cold weather reminders as the temperatures in the next weeks will drop down beyond the thirty degree mark (even deeper with the wind chill factors). Your local EMA have these suggestions or steps to follow in preparing for "Ole Man" winter:

Sheri Newcomer of Ohio EMA both expressed that the participants worked well together and networking prior to a real world experience assisted in a positive outcome. The After Action Report (AAR) will be issued by the Ohio EMA on December 18, 2009 from 1-5 pm at Springview Government Center, room 151. All are welcome to attend. The EMA would again like to thank the participating agencies and those responders.



1. **Prepare disaster kits for the home:** Winter emergency kits should include extra items such as warm clothes, blankets, flashlight with extra batteries, first-aid kit, and non-refrigerated food (like canned meat, vegetables, and fruits, and bottled water (about 1 gallon per person per day) to sustain all family members for at least three days. Homes should have properly working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
2. **Invest in a NOAA Weather Radio or Public Alert Radio for your home and business.** This will give time to preplan for outings and other

activities requiring you to travel or spend time outside.

3. **Make a disaster preparedness plan.** Prepare written plans to assist you and your facility in staying safe, explaining the differences in storm watches and warnings. And ensure each member of the family knows the emergency contact numbers.
4. **Prepare for Winter Travel:** Vehicles should have at least a half tank of fuel, extra winter clothes (coats)/ footwear (boots and socks), cell phone, flare, extra blankets, a

shovel, and flashlights with extra batteries. Businesses places should have properly working smoke (and carbon monoxide) detectors. Prepare and practice emergency drills.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

## **Training and Events**

- ⇒ EMA Volunteer training first Tuesday of each month.
- ⇒ FLU AND H1N1 CLINICS AT THE CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. Thru December 2009 on Tuesdays
- ⇒ December 18, 2009      After Action Review for IED exercise
- ⇒ January 5, 2010      Animal Disease Training
- ⇒ January 26-27, 2010      Recovery from Disasters Training (at Ohio EMA)
- ⇒ January 28, 2010      Executive Official Disaster Training
- ⇒ February 23, 2010      LEPC/State Homeland Security Meeting (at Clark County Agriculture Building)
- ⇒ February 23-24, 2010      Evacuation and Re-entry training (at Ohio EMA)

**Unless stated all meeting will be held at EMA office. Any further questions contact us at 937-521-2175**